"Assassins"

(SHEA, Wm J. Sr.)

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May 5, 1969

Mr. William J. Shea, Sr.
1904 La Salle Street
Belleville, Illinois 62221

Dear Mr. Shea,

May I thank you most sincerely for your letter of May 2 with the attached clipping with your Letter to the Editor.

It was thoughtful of you to write me and let me have the benefit of your remarks and observations as stated in your "Letter". I assure you that your comments about political assassins and disruptors of the peace were given close attention by me.

Again, my thanks for your time and courtesy in writing to me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

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May 2 1969

Dear Mr Congressman!

Attached; as I mentioned you in the letter I thought I would send you a copy. I hope you like it. In my letter to the Editor I wrote Congressman Ford Republican from Michigan but being a Democrat newspaper they left "Republican" out. In fairness though I think they try to be fair.

Kindest Regards to you and yours

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Compensation for the "Hike" will come from sponsors who pledged a certain amount of money per mile walked. Hikers will be contacting business places and individuals to solicit sponsors and here is where they hope the community will cooperate by volunteering as sponsors. The money pledged (which will be collected after the hike), will then be contributed to various hunger programs which the youth themselves voted to support.

It may not be possible to reach everyone personally so it is the hope of these young people that interested business leaders, individuals will come forward and volunteer as a sponsor. They may do so by contacting the undersigned at Edgemont Box 872, E. St. Louis, Illinois 62203.

A similar hike was conducted in Arlington, Illinois where 1,700 youths hiked 17 miles and raised $75,000. With the help of God and the community, or for that matter the entire area, perhaps our young people can do the same thing.

MRS. CONNIE KRENER

SCREEN OUT KILLERS

Belleville, Illinois

To the Editor:

In the News-Democrat the other day Congressman Ford from Michigan was quoted as saying, in regard to the Sirhan case that "our nation is already beset by disruption and we have no need of agitators from abroad."

In my opinion the gentleman is certainly right, as we have enough native-born agitators without importing them from overseas.

One wonders, however, why men like Sirhan, Oswald, Czolgosz and others come to this country at all. If Sirhan had murder in his heart, it looks like he would have taken a shot at a king or a senator in his native land.

Ditto Oswald, who murdered President Kennedy. Although born in New Orleans he went to Russia as a young man, took out naturalization papers there, married a Russian girl, and worked in a Russian factory. But when he got tired of working for peanuts he came back to his native land and shot the president. One wonders if he ever thought of taking a pot shot at Khrushchev and if not why would he rather murder the president of a free country than the ruler of a dictatorship?

Ditto Czolgosz who came from Poland which then, like now, was under the control of Russia. President McKinley, a kindly man was visiting a state fair at Buffalo, N.Y. in 1901. Hundreds of people were lined up to shake their president's hand when along came Czolgosz with a handerchief wrapped around a revolver in his hand as if it had been injured. When McKinley offered his hand, Czolgosz emptied his revolver into the president's stomach. He died a couple of days later.

Again, what brings men like that over here; we don't go over there shooting their leaders. Seems like there ought to be some way of screening them out according to law.

WILLIAM J. SHEA

"sponsored by" Mrs. Green, Ayres, and Reps. Phil Landrum, D-Ga., Albert Quie, R-Minn., and Robert Giaimo, D-Conn.

Giaimo, who usually votes with the Democrats, left the reservation partly because he agreed with Dixiecrat opposition to "community involvement."

Most significant fact about the community involvement amendment was that it was proposed not by Rep. Carl Perkins, D-Ky., sponsor of the original Johnson bill, but by Secretary of HEW Robert Finch on behalf of the Nixon administration. And when the amendment came up for a vote in the House labor and education committee it was adopted by a vote of only 13 to 11, with all hard-core Republicans voting for it. In addition to Quie and Ayres, they included: John Ashbrook, Ohio, Edwin Eshleman, Pa., William Steiger, Wis., Orval Hansen, Idaho, John Erlenborn, Ill., John Dellenback, Ore., and Marvin Esch, Mich.

This is how backstage deals in Congress can make history.

Note 1 — President Nixon has a long record of being less than enthusiastic about federal aid to education. When the first education bill came up in the Senate, sponsored by Sen.

"my sister Lana never does any work around the house.

"But I do my chores and then am stuck with part of hers.

"For she is 16 and sits before her mirror, primping and painting her eyelids while Mom gets the meals.

"Lana wants to wear the very latest styles and coaxes Mom to buy her things she doesn't need and doesn't deserve.

"And Mom keeps spoiling her rotten.

"Why do girls think that boys are only interested in their fancy hairdo and heavy make-up?"

Shallow Personalities

A slick chick with a classy chassis and a neat paint job may catch the attention of young men.

But she can't hold a boy's interest very long unless she knows how to carry on easy conversation.

And she must inflate his ego with honest compliments, or he will jilt her after the first date.

Many beautiful coeds have cried in my office because they said they were only a "one-date" girl.

Their external appearance got them a first date, but they couldn't hold the boy's interest thereafter.

So you girls better remember that the colorful wrapping paper around a gift box from your leading department stores may help intrigue human interest.

But it's what the recipient finds inside the box that really counts!

Don't make the mistake, therefore, of thinking that your cosmetics and perfect "measurements" will hold a boy's undying devotion.

They are merely your anatomical "wrapping paper."

Besides, mere cosmetic beauty will fade, grow wrinkled and soon sprout gray hair.

But charm never shows those signs of anatomical erosion.

A charming personality remains popular both at 18, 38, 58 or even 98.

You are entitled to get all the legitimate attention out of your anatomical wrapping paper.

But don't stop at that point.

"Catching attention" is only the first step in the sale, and winning popularity, plus a wedding ring, is strictly a sales situation.

After catching attention, you must then "hold attention," produce action and ultimate satisfaction or your customer grows soured on the merchandise and wants a refund.

Applied to marriage, that means a divorce!

Alas, our movie magazines and TV shows now stress chiefly the "wrapping paper," thus deluding millions of girls.

So these impressionable teenagers think that a miniskirt, plus a cigarette and a heavy make-up job, are a sure road to happy marriage.

At the age of 18, your cosmetic allure, plus your "measurements" and attractive teeth may rate you above the 38-year-old woman.

But in 20 more years, you'll then be 38, with plenty of other 18-year-olds to outbid you, if you rely solely on anatomical factors.

So learn how to be charming, for a teen-age coed can't equal the older woman who keeps a man feeling more important while on a date with her!

Send for my booklet on "Interesting Conversation and Personality Improvement," enclosing a long stamped, return envelope, plus 20c.

(Always write to Dr. Crane in care of this newspaper, enclosing a long 6c stamped addressed envelope and 20c to cover typing and printing costs when you send for one of his booklets.)

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"Assassins"

(Curtis, Charles B.)

Re: Sirhan Sirhan

April 28, 1969

Mr. Charles B. Curtis
940 Orchard Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Dear Mr. Curtis:

May I thank you for your kind and thoughtful letter of April 23 concerning the murder trial of Sirhan Sirhan.

As you know, Mr. Sirhan was tried and convicted under the laws of the State of California. The jury was impaneled under the laws of the state and acted in accordance with the established procedures in that state.

In Michigan, as you know, we have not had capital punishment for well over 100 years. From time to time both the legislature and the people of the State of Michigan have refused to reinstate this form of punishment.

Furthermore, in the State of Michigan the jury passes on the guilt or innocence of the accused while the judge determines his sentence. Under the laws of the State of California this is different.

As you may also have read in the papers, the chances of the execution actually being carried out in California are somewhat remote. There are a number of convicted criminals in "death row" but no executions have taken place for some time.

Neither the federal government nor any member of the Congress has any jurisdiction over the action taken in California even though a United States Senator was assassinated.

Warmest personal regards,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.
GRF:mh

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D.R

April 23, 1969

Mr. Jerry Ford,

Listening to the radio today I received the joyous news that our wonderful, glorious, just, righteous, and God-fearing country is going to murder in cold blood another member of our society by the name of Sirhan Sirhan.

Since I am a part of this society I cannot set by and let my country - your country - commit such an immoral and unjust action as this. Can you ??! I surely hope not!! If you can you are violating every Christian principle that the "justice" of our society is based on - the "justice" that we should strive in every way to protect - the "justice" that the uniqueness of our potentially and idealistically wonderful country is based on. Can you still allow this ?! I surely hope not! If you can you are violating as well every Christian belief that you may hold personally! Are you willing to do this?

Does politics really result in such immorality and lack of ethical foundation for the lives of those involved directly? If so, I don't want my country run by these people. If so, I have no pride in this country in the respect, in fact, I am downright ashamed of the justice that is so righteously administers with the calculating precision of a psychotic killer.

If you are one of those politicians that stuff your moral and ethical standards in the closet at your easiest convience then I do not want you representing me. If you allow without a fight the death of Sirhan Sirhan I will have to believe that you in fact do not realize the importance of the

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Christian doctrine in the formation of the United States; that you are in favor of such an action; that either you have no moral & ethical values & that you do in fact pack them in the closet when they get in the way. I truely hope you are not such a person (and do believe in actuality that you aren't) for your sake as well as mine.

Having to confine human beings in jail is bad enough but to kill them goes beyond just an immoral action - it becomes the action of a deranged and weak power, one that is unable to confront the reality that its own society is creating the ~~situations~~ situations that it must so "nobly" eliminate. Granted our society is one that breeds violence but this violence is between the people and is no excuse for their leaders to stoop to the worst possible violence - that of taking a life. It is a sorry state that we have come to when we can virtuously give ourselves the power to kill in the name of justice.

mr. Ford, I live in East Grand Rapids and am a member of Grace Episcopal Church as I know at least some of your family. I plead with you as a member of your religious background as well as your congressional district to do something about Sirhan Sirhan and the death penalty in the United States.

I would appreciate it if you would reply. Thankyou -

Sincerely;
Charles B. Curtis

940 Orchard Ave SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan
49506

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"Assassins"

(Donahue, Conan D.)

Re: ~~to~~ King case

March 26, 1969

Mr. Conan D. Donahue
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Dear Conan,

May I thank you for your note of March 12 concerning the King Case.

Primarily, as you know, this is a matter to be determined under the laws of the State of Tennessee. However, if any conspiracy is involved the federal authorities are deeply concerned.

I share your view that the case should by no means be "whitewashed" if there was any conspiracy involved. I have passed on to both President Nixon and Attorney General Mitchell your concern and mine relative to this case.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mh

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Dear Jerry:

I trust Federal Authorities will not whitewash the King case the way the State of Tennessee has done.

C. D. Donahue

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